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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed December 5, 2008, the period of response being extended from March 5, 2009 to April 5, 2009.

The amount of \$65 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity is being paid by credit card.

Respectfully submitted,

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